

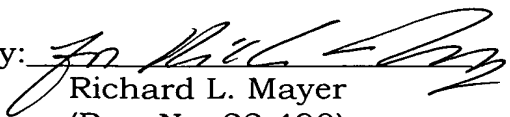

REMARKS

Amongst claims 11-20 addressed by the Examiner in the Office Action, claims 11, 17 and 19 were rejected as being anticipated by German patent publication DE 2751667, and claims 12-16, 18 and 20 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form and include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicants have made the following amendments: claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 12; claim 12 has been canceled; claim 13 has been amended to depend from claim 11; claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 11 (as it stood prior to this Amendment); and claim 18 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 11 (as it stood prior to this Amendment). In addition, claims 15 and 16 depend from amended claim 14, and claims 17, 19 and 20 ultimately depend from amended claim 11.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in allowable condition. Prompt consideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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